

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## EARMARK DECLARATION

### HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. LANCE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R.—the Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2010:

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), State and Local Programs—Emergency Operations Center, Union County, NJ. The entity to receive funding for this project is: County of Union, One Elizabethtown Plaza, Elizabeth, NJ 07207.

The funding would be used to expand the capabilities of the Union County Emergency Operations Center to connect with each municipal police, fire and emergency management office, and also to serve as a redundant center to Union County Fire Mutual Aid and all 2 municipal departments during an emergency.

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### HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Representative MARIO DIAZ-BALART (FL—25)

Bill Number: H.R. 2892

Account: Predisaster Mitigation

Name of Requesting Entity: Jackson Health System

Address of Requesting Entity: 1611 NW 12th Avenue, Miami, FL 33136

Description of Request: I have secured \$500,000 for the Jackson Health System Hurricane Mitigation Structural Reinforcement Initiative. This funding will be used for Jackson Health System (JHS), operated by Miami-Dade County's Public Health Trust and is the county's sole public health system; the primary provider for the county's indigent and uninsured and its sole trauma center. At its center is Jackson Memorial Hospital (JMH), one of the nation's busiest (based on # of admissions) and largest (1,567 beds) with average annual occupancy levels consistently over 90%. When a hurricane warning is issued, JHS serves as an emergency evacuation shelter for medically at risk individuals (with limited family members).

The number of psychiatric emergency issues countywide increases and presents at JHS. Employees are required to remain in place until they are relieved, which is often after storm conditions pass. These factors contribute to hurricane related occupancy levels that are considerably higher than normal

levels of operation. Miami-Dade County's geographic location places the area at risk for many natural and societal hazards. Situated in the south eastern most part of Florida the area is marked by flat topography, low land elevations and high groundwater tables in the Biscayne aquifer. Over the last one hundred years, 33 hurricanes and tropical storms have approached within 75 miles of Miami-Dade County. Of these, 9 have been a category 3 or higher intensity storm. Given that the physical demographics of the almost 2.3 million residents of Miami-Dade County inhabit the eastern most 20 miles of coastline, it is the most populated areas that suffer the maximum impact of storms. In 2004, Florida had a record breaking hurricane season with four major disaster declarations, Hurricane Charley, Hurricane Frances, Hurricane Ivan, and Hurricane Jeanne. In 2005, Florida again suffered from an extreme season with four major disaster declarations: Hurricane Dennis, Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Rita, and Hurricane Wilma. Florida consistently has the greatest risk for a direct hit by a hurricane of any other location in the United States. Additionally, it is subject to several other threats such as extreme tropical thunderstorms, sudden tornados and high trade winds and has the highest occurrences of severe lightning activity. Given the anticipated demands placed on the Ryder Trauma Center in the event of a direct hit of a high category storm, it is imperative that the building be structurally safe, adequately secured, and operationally functional. This funding will be used to structurally reinforce and fortify the trauma center through an exterior skin upgrade. The current construction is unsuitable for a threat of a higher category storm. This is a tremendous vulnerability for the County's only trauma center. As the most critical facility in all of Miami-Dade County, it is imperative that JHS fortify the building to ensure uninterrupted operations. This project is wholly consistent with Federal and agency missions to provide pre-disaster mitigation assistance to critical public entities who serve as vital providers of emergency services. The frequency and foreseeable nature of natural disasters striking densely populated Miami-Dade County make the project a natural priority for federal participation in protecting a safety-net institution such as the Ryder Trauma Center.

THANKING AND CONGRATULATING  
GEORGE A. DALLEY, CHIEF OF  
STAFF TO MY OFFICE, ON HIS  
RETIREMENT FROM THE HILL

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend a dear friend and colleague, George Albert Dalley, on an illustrious public service career spanning 30 years in federal government, private practice, international af-

fairs, and presidential politics. With a razor-sharp intellect, unmatched mettle and grit, and an undeniable warmth and grace that has made him a beloved figure on the Hill, George returned as my Chief of Staff and Counsel in 2001—his third stint in that capacity—and will this month retire after a successful tenure.

But George is more than just a co-worker to me. We have maintained a personal and working relationship for the larger part of my political life that has proved abundantly edifying and rewarding. The many who have met and been touched by George and his life's work can attest that he is equal parts strong mind and ample heart, a kind soul who cares deeply about the issues of the day and their impact on everyday people—in America and across the globe.

Born in Havana, Cuba, to Jamaican parents in 1941, George immigrated to New York City and became a naturalized citizen, attending the prestigious Columbia University where he earned three degrees: an undergraduate degree, a master's in business administration, and a juris doctorate. He is a member of the Bars of the District of Columbia, New York, and the U.S. Supreme Court, serves as a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and is on the Board of Directors for the Apollo Theatre Foundation and for Africare as Chair.

Between 1989 and up until he rejoined my staff in 2001, he practiced in the areas of legislative, administrative, and international law. As a former partner at Holland and Knight, he represented the interests of foreign governments—from Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua to Senegal, the Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya, Mali, and Botswana—before the federal government, Congress, and multilateral financial institutions.

He sought to bring economic development to Africa and the Caribbean, working tirelessly to spur private investment in the two regions and working closely with me in securing passage of the African Growth and Opportunity Act and the enhancement of the Caribbean Basin Initiative. As a founding member of the Corporate Council on Africa and as a former U.S. counsel to the African Business Round Table, he promoted greater understanding of the opportunities for successful investment in the private sectors of African nations.

George played an integral, central role in getting Congress to deny tax preferences to companies doing business in apartheid South Africa—a move that hugely undermined that government and was reportedly one of the most influential sanctions in bringing that system down.

Aside from his loyal and dedicated service with me in the early 1970s, mid-1980s, and 2000s, George has served in senior-level posts in our government: as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizations Affairs, responsible for U.S. policy on human rights and social issues in the United Nations; as an appointed member of the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board, advancing the deregulation of the airline industry in the administration of President Jimmy Carter; as Deputy

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